

DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

*A. Donohue
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[Protest Against Agency Decision to Make Sole Source Award]

FILE: B-199530

DATE: July 22, 1980

MATTER OF: Parker Hannifin Corporation

DIGEST:

Protest filed more than 10 working days after protester receives notice of agency action on protest filed with agency is untimely under GAO Bid Protest Procedures.

Parker Hannifin Corporation (Parker) protests the Department of Energy's (DOE) decision to make "sole-source" awards to the Crawford Fitting Company, its subsidiaries and distributors, for the procurement of instrumentation connectors, in furtherance of a standardization program.

Our Bid Protest Procedures provide that if a protest is filed initially with the contracting agency, any subsequent protest to our Office must be filed within 10 working days after the protester receives notification of any adverse agency action. 4 C.F.R. § 20.2(a) (1980). According to Parker, letters of protest dated February 20 and May 8, 1980 were sent to DOE. In a letter to Parker dated June 12, 1980, and which is stamped "RECEIVED" on June 16, DOE denied Parker's protest. Parker filed its protest with our Office on July 10, 1980. Therefore, it is apparent that Parker's protest to our Office is untimely filed. JRT&T Associates, B-197061, December 31, 1979, 80-1 CPD 4.

The protest is dismissed.

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